(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) There is no manual scavenging being practiced in any establishments under the control of the Ministry of Railways. All old dry latrines requiring manual scavenging were already converted many years back either to sanitized latrines with proper septic tank systems or to bio-latrines which do not require manual scavenging. In order to have effective waste disposal system, concrete washable aprons on platform tracks, controlled discharge toilets in trains are also being provided.

Trains for Gujarat

901. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR RUPANI:
SHRIMATI HEMAMALINI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) when a new train running between Jamnagar-Mumbai as Superfast is to be materialized;

(b) since when the demand for above mentioned new train is made by the people of Saurashtrz and elected Members of Parliament;

(c) whether a demand for the extension of "Navjivan Express" upto Rajkot is examined and the decision taken thereon; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Demands have been received from Hon'ble Members of Parliament and people of Saurashtra from time to time.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Extension of 2655/2656 Chennai-Ahmedabad Navjeevan Express upto Rajkot has not been found feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

Train from Bangalore to Mangalore

902. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased **to** state:

(a) the status of the introduction of train from Bangalore to Mangalore *via* Hassan;

(b) the reasons for the delay in introduction of this train;

(c) what would be the frequency of this proposed train; and

(d) the places at which this train would stop?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI *K.* VELU): (a) 6517/6518 Yesvantpur-Mangalore Express via Mysore-Hassan has been introduced from 08.12.2007. 6515/6516 Yesvantpur-Mangalore Express via Arsikere-Hassan has not been introduced.

(b) Severe line capacity constraints on Arsikere-Hassan and Sakleshpur-Subramanya Road ghat sections.

(c) Daily.

(d) The train will have stoppages at Tumkur, Tiptur, Asrikere, Hassan, Sakleshpur, Subramanya Road, Kabakaputtur, Bantawala and Kankanadi.

Accidents at railway crossings

903. DR .GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:

SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of railway crossings in the country, manned/unmanned;

(b) the total number of accidents at railway crossings, during last 3 years, category-wise;

(c) the details of the passengers and others, killed/injured, category-wise;

(d) the compensation paid thereto; and

(e) the roadmap for converting unmanned to manned crossings to minimize accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R VELU): (a) As on 01.04.2007, there were 16,778 manned and 17,966 unmanned level crossings (excluding 'D' class cattle crossing and canal crossings) in the country.

(b) and (c) The total number of accidents at railway crossings and details of passengers and others killed/injured during last three years are as under:

Year	Number of accidents		Number of persons injured/killed	
	Manned	Unmanned	Injured	Killed
2004-05	05	65	412	236
2005-06	10	65	627	315
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(d) During the 2004-05 to 2006-07, Railways paid under-mentioned compensation to those injured/killed in level crossing accidents:

(i) Compensation paid to those injured-Rs. 20.02 lakhs.

(ii) Compensation to those killed-Rs.126.33 lakhs.

(e) Unmanned level crossings qualifying Railways' laid down criteria are manned at Railways' cost. As on 01.04.2007, there wered 632 such unmanned level crossings. Out of this, 152 unmanned level crossings have been manned till January, 2008.